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METEOR SEEN AT SEA.

The schooner Premier arrived from Grays Harbor yesterday morning. Captain HEEGAARD reports a peculiar experience on the way down. On Friday, the 1st inst., at 2 o'clock in the morning, while Mate NELSON was on watch, a big meteor shot out of the sky and buried itself in the ocean about 1000 yards away from the vessel, on the lee side.

The Premier was in latitude $43^{\circ} 30'$ north, and longitude $125^{\circ} 40'$ west. The sky, according to the mate, was suddenly illuminated, and the big mass of flaming metal came hissing along from west to east, looking like a blazing coal. The men watched its course in mortal terror until it disappeared with a loud explosion beneath the waves.—S. F. *Call*, March 3, 1895.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS FELT AT SEA OFF CAPE MENDOCINO.

The San Francisco *Chronicle* of March 8, 1895, gives an account of a severe earthquake shock experienced by two vessels some fifty miles off Cape Mendocino, in Long. $125^{\circ} 20'$, Lat. 40° (both approximate).

My *List of Recorded Earthquakes in California* (1887) contains several notices of shocks felt in this vicinity, as follows :

“At sea, 45 miles W. S. W. of Cape Mendocino ;”

“At sea, 50 miles from Cape Mendocino ;”

“At sea, Long. $126^{\circ} 25'$, Lat. $41^{\circ} 55'$;”

“At sea, Long. $125^{\circ} 50'$, Lat. $40^{\circ} 24'$;”

“At sea, Long. $125^{\circ} 20'$, Lat. 40° — (as above).”

A relief map of the ocean bed near Cape Mendocino, made by Professor GEORGE DAVIDSON and Mr. WINSTON, shows the coast to be very “steep-to” ; and it further shows two submarine mountains in the neighborhood. The slipping of the earth at the junction of the steep submarine cliff with the (comparatively) flat ocean floor, may very well be the cause of some of these disturbances. It is also possible, at least, that they are connected with the two submarine elevations mentioned. More observations are needed to decide this question. It is a little remarkable that we have reports of shocks felt at sea in this vicinity and none, or few, at other points along the coast.

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